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UPDATE ON THE KANSAS IMMUNIZATION REGISTRY PROJECT



The Kansas Immunization Registry Project has selected a vendor and a contract was awarded on August 1 to Envision Technology Partners, Inc. On September 23 a 'kick-off' meeting was held to announce the official startup of the Kansas Immunization Registry project. Kansas is developing and implementing a statewide

immunization registry that will capture and maintain immunization information from both private and public vaccination providers. A series of working meetings across four consecutive days were held with the vendor. In order to meet the primary goal, which is to focus on end-user needs, various stakeholder representatives were asked to participate and provide input on behalf of their respective group[s]. Conducting these sessions helped to build a foundation for a system that will address specific requirements for each end-user group. It is essential that end users continue to provide input so that the registry will meet as many of their needs as possible.

Work continues with the vendor, the KDHE Information Technology Department, and a number of data partners to design interfaces which will facilitate the "seamless" exchange of information between the Registry, Local Health Departments, Private Providers and many more. Kansas will achieve its ultimate goal: to maintain immunization records that are accurate, up-to-date and complete – with all information pertaining to each individual consolidated into one non-duplicative history. Kansas will have the most complete and reliable source of immunization data, that will be used to serve all Kansans as a repository from which information can be readily dispersed and effectively utilized in order to:

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- Maintain complete and accurate immunization data that can be exported to any provider to ensure timely and non-duplicated vaccine coverage.
- Share data while ensuring compliance with state and federal privacy and confidentiality mandates.
- Streamline data collection processes performed by school nurses for school enrollment.
- Automate timely reminders for vaccines that are due.
- Manage vaccine supply more effectively to reduce wastage.

For further information contact: Debra Warren, KDHE, BEDP Immunization Program, 1000 SW Jackson, Suite 210, Topeka, KS 66621, 785-296-8119 email: dwarren@kdhe.state.ks.us

KDHE ESTABLISHES NEW RADIATION CONTROL FEE FUND

On January 1, 1965, the state of Kansas entered into an agreement with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to regulate radioactive materials under the provisions of the federal Atomic Energy Act.¹, which remains in effect today. The regulated community in Kansas includes 320 facilities licensed to use radioactive materials and 2,447 facilities registered to use x-ray equipment. These facilities include industrial operations, research labs, medical and dental facilities, and security screening operations. In order to assure appropriate protection of the public and operators, radiation exposures must be kept as low as reasonably achievable. The role of the radiation control program is to maintain a program to permit development and utilization of sources of radiation for peaceful purposes consistent with the health and safety of the public.

The NRC evaluates agreement state radiation control programs every four years. In evaluations conducted in May 1998 and April 2002, the NRC expressed concerns about the long-term stability of the Kansas program due to "continuing fiscal restraints" and "lack of adequate resources." The NRC has continued to express concerns that without establishing long-term stability in the program Kansas will not be able to continue to fulfill its mission to protect the health and safety of the environment and the public. In a letter dated January 6, 2004, from Nils J. Diaz, Chairman of the NRC, to Governor Sebelius, the commission expressed concern about Kansas' ability to "maintain a properly trained staff consistent with requirements of the State's Agreement with the NRC." The commission has stopped short of threatening to revoke Kansas' agreement status, but it continues to express grave concerns for the Kansas program.

The 2004 legislature passed and the governor signed into law Senate Bill 396 (SB396), which amends K.S.A. 48-1606, "State radiation control; duties of secretary of health and environment; fees for licenses and registrations" and creates a dedicated radiation control operations fee fund, effective July 1, 2004. The amendments to K.S.A. 48-1606 create specific fee categories of radiation control licenses and registrations and set limitations on the fees that KDHE can charge for the licenses and registrations. In years past, the radiation control program was funded entirely through State General Funds (SGF) and collected approximately two-thirds

of its SGF appropriation in fees. The dedicated fee fund keeps program fee-generated funds tied to program activities under a "user-pays" approach and ensures sufficient funding to operate the radiation control program independently of the State General Fund (SGF).

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) plans to add additional staff to the radiation control program to address the NRC's concerns. While the inspections performed by the radiation control program include the normal regulatory activities such as record checks and procedure review, they also include measurements to ensure the shields and other protective equipment are functioning to keep radiation exposures at acceptable levels. The Kansas program currently inspects 40 percent of the materials licensees and two percent of the x-ray registrants each year. Typically, about 15 percent of the facilities inspected need to perform significant remedial measures to come into compliance with health and safety requirements. With additional resources, KDHE expects the inspection rates will be increased to 50 percent of the radioactive materials licensees and 20 percent of the x-ray registrants and realize a decrease in compliance problems. In addition to increasing the number of inspections it conducts, KDHE plans to enhance the training provided to both current and new staff and to create an educational and compliance assistance outreach function for the regulated community and the public at large. To support these improvements, KDHE implemented an increase in user fees effective October 8, 2004. Beginning in fiscal year 2006 the Radiation Control Program will be entirely funded by the Radiation Control Fee Fund and no longer dependent on State General Funds. The fund will reimburse the state general fund for fiscal year 2005 expenditures.

If you have questions regarding the new fee regulations, please call Pam Watson, Research Analyst, Bureau of Air and Radiation, Radiation Control Program at 785-296-3414.

¹States that have entered into such agreements with the NRC are termed "Agreement States."



JANET SCHALANSKY RETIRES



Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS), **Secretary Janet Schalansky** has retired after nearly 30 years of service. Governor Kathleen Sebelius commended Schalansky for her exemplary career in state government. Sebelius appointed Gary Daniels, as acting secretary, effective November 1. Daniels has served as administrator of Parsons State Hospital since 1979.

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PREVENTING THE FLU



The single best way to prevent the flu is to get vaccinated each fall. But, there are some good health habits you can follow to prevent the flu.

- **Avoid close contact** - Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too.

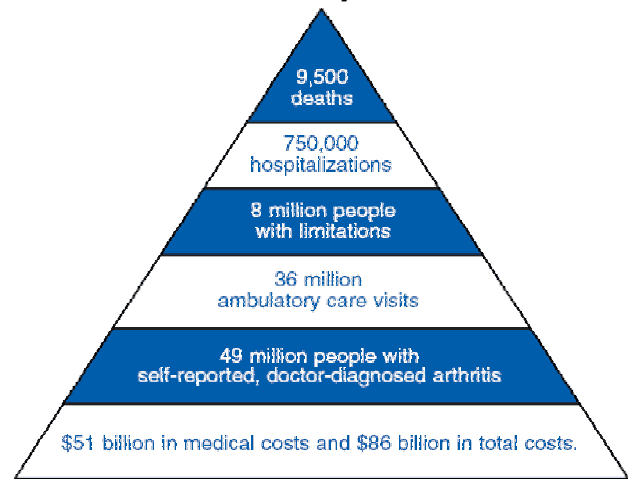
- **Stay home when you are sick** - If possible, stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick. You will help prevent others from catching your illness.
- **Cover your mouth and nose** - Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. It may prevent those around you from getting sick.
- **Clean your hands** - Washing your hands often will help protect you from germs
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth** - Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth.

For further information on preventing the flu go to www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/preventing.htm.



ARTHRITIS

One Of Three U.S. Adults Are Affected By Arthritis or Chronic Joint Symptoms
Arthritis: The Nation's Leading Cause of Disability



Arthritis comprises over 100 different diseases and conditions. The most common are osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, fibromyalgia, and gout. Common symptoms include pain, aching stiffness, and swelling in or around the joints. Some forms of arthritis, such as rheumatoid arthritis and lupus, can affect multiple organs and cause widespread symptoms.

Arthritis and chronic joint symptoms affect nearly 70 million Americans, or about one of every three adults, making it one of the most prevalent diseases in the United States. As the population ages, this number will increase dramatically. In addition to the physical toll, the medical and societal costs of arthritis are enormous. Medical care for arthritis cost nearly \$22 billion in 1995. Total costs, including medical care and loss of productivity, exceeded \$82 billion in 1995. The prevalence of arthritis is high for all demographic groups, but especially higher among women, older persons, and those with less education. Prevalence varies by race and ethnicity, being higher among Caucasians (35.3 percent) and African-Americans (31.5 percent), but somewhat lower among Hispanic-Americans (23.3 percent). People with arthritis are less active and heavier than the population in general. Moderate physical activity is recommended at least five days per week for 30 minutes or more per day, vigorous physical activity on at least three days per week for at least 20 minutes per day, or both. Physical activity includes leisure-time, household, and transportation. Research shows that physical activity decreases pain, improves function and delays disability. In addition, research studies suggest that maintaining an ideal body weight and avoiding joint injuries reduces the risk of developing

arthritis and may decrease disease progression. Obtaining an early diagnosis so that appropriate management, including self-management, can be initiated may improve the quality of life for persons with arthritis. For further information on arthritis go to www.cdc.gov/nccddphp/aag/aag_arthritis.htm.

REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH MEETINGS

Central Region: Meeting will be held at the Reno County Health Department from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Date is: December 8

North Central Region: Meeting will be held from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Date and location is: December 7 Abilene

Northeast Region: Meeting will be held at the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson, Azure Conference Room 4th Floor, Topeka, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Please contact Anita Hodge at 785-368-8110 or Jon Anderson at 620-431-2390 if you have any questions. Date is: December 9

Northwest Region: Meetings will be held from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the NW Educational Service Center in Oakley. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Date is: December 9

2005 Meetings

Central Region: Meetings are held at the Reno County Health department from 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

January 26
March 23
May 25
July 27
September 28
November 30

North Central Region: Meetings are from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

February 22
April 26
June 28
August 23
October 26
December 6

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March 10

June 9
September 8
December 8

Northwest Region: Meetings are held from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the NW Educational Service Center in Oakley. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

February 10
April 14
June 9
August 11
October 13
December 8

Southeast Kansas Region: Meetings are held from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Southeast District Office, 1500 West 7th, Meadowlark Room, Chanute. Please contact Jon Anderson at 620-431-2390 if you have any questions.

February 3
May 12
August 4
November 10

Southwest Region: Meetings are held from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in Garden City, location to be announced. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

January 21
March 18
May 20
July 15
September 16
November 18

PERSONNEL UPDATES

Patricia Fernandez – new Regional Case Manager for the Kansas Statewide Farmworker Health Program (KSFHP) serving Eastern Kansas. Cyndi Treaster will now become the full time Program Manager for KSFHP. Patricia has worked for the past seven years with the Midland Group. Her responsibilities were to serve the uninsured population, assisting families in applying for health care benefits. Pat is bilingual, bi-cultural and has experience working with various migrant worker programs. Patricia has three children and one grandchild and lives with her husband Art.



Theresa Hodges - Director of the Bureau of Environmental Field Services will be retiring. Theresa's retirement reception will be on December 17 at the Curtis State Office Building in the Azure Conference Room, 4th Floor from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Come celebrate her years of service to KDHE and the people of Kansas.

NEW BRIEFS

How to Meet Your Organization's Training Needs



KS-TRAIN: Tip of the Month

In the world of, "too much to do and too little time", the KS-TRAIN learning management system at

<http://ks.train.org> should

be the answer to finding public health training for employees. The KS-TRAIN team recommends the following distance learning courses:

"Orientation to Public Health" by the New York – New Jersey Public Health Training Center. You will find the web-based self-study training on page 1 of the national course subject section, "general public health". The course is approximately 1 hour 15 minutes in length and provides an interactive opportunity to learn about public health functions at the local level.

"Basic Incident Command" from the Emergency Management Institute (FEMA is one of the EMI partners) is listed on page 1 of the Terrorism/Emergency Readiness national subject section of KS-TRAIN. This is an in depth course that has been developed as self-instruction but can also be delivered, with the use of an instructor, in a classroom. The course includes a large number of scenarios, examples, and opportunities for students to apply what they have learned. Each Independent Study Course through EMI includes lessons with practice exercises and a final examination. Those who score 75 percent or better are issued a certificate of completion by EMI. The average course completion time is 10-12 hours.

To withdraw from a self study course or if you are unable to attend a live training go to the "My Learning Record" in the lower right hand corner of the KS-TRAIN home page and click on "My Learning," follow the prompts to withdraw from a course/session.

E-mail questions to the KS-TRAIN Engineer Linda Frazier at lfrazier@kdhe.state.ks.us or the KS-TRAIN Conductor, Deb Nickels at dnickels@kdhe.state.ks.us.

New BT Coordinator

Midge Ransom is the new East Central Kansas Regional Bioterrorism Coordinator. Ransom will work with the region's eight counties to improve local emergency response plans, coordinate preparedness efforts among organizations, and monitor local, state, and national trends and alerts. She will also work with state and local organizations to provide continuing education to the region.

Ransom is from Williamsburg and is an educator who has worked in a variety of capacities in the schools and community. She began her career teaching home economics, health and physical education in the public schools and later at the university level. Her work in community and public health has included hospital public relations/health promotion, coordination of a school/community adolescent pregnancy prevention project, and working with the Franklin County Health Department as a Health Educator.

For several years, she has been a private consultant, assisting individuals with weight management and other health issues as well as working with organizations on various research projects and local health promotion grants.

Health Department Administrator Needed



The Morris County Health Department is seeking applicants interested in serving as the health department administrator. The administrator is responsible for the overall operation of the public health department. Candidates must have current, unrestricted licensure to practice as a Registered Nurse in Kansas, or be eligible for licensure in Kansas. Experience in public health and prior supervisory experience are preferred. For additional information, please contact the Morris County Hospital Administrator, 600 N. Washington, Council Grove, KS 66846.



Protecting Yourself From the Cold Weather



What constitutes extreme cold and its effects can vary across different areas of the country. In regions relatively unaccustomed to winter weather, near freezing temperatures are considered "extreme cold." Whenever temperatures drop decidedly below normal and as wind speed increases, heat can leave your body more rapidly. These weather related conditions may lead to serious health problems. Extreme cold is a dangerous situation that can bring on health emergencies in susceptible people, such as those without shelter or who are stranded, or live in a home that is poorly insulated or without heat. Dress warmly and stay dry. Adults and children should wear:

- * a hat
- * a scarf or knit mask to cover face and mouth
- * sleeves that are snug at the wrist
- * mittens (they are warmer than gloves)
- * water-resistant coat and boots
- * several layers of loose-fitting clothing

Plan ahead and be prepared for extremely cold weather every winter—it's always a possibility. Steps you can take in advance for greater wintertime safety in your home and in your car:

- * an alternate way to heat your home during a power failure
- * furnace fuel (coal, propane, or oil)
- * electric space heaters with automatic shut-off switch and non-glowing elements
- * blankets
- * matches
- * multipurpose, dry-chemical fire extinguisher
- * first aid kit and instruction manual
- * flashlight or battery-powered lantern
- * battery-powered radio
- * battery-powered clock or watch
- * extra batteries
- * non-electric can opener
- * snow shovel
- * rock salt
- * special needs items (diapers, hearing aid batteries, medications, etc.)

- * food that needs no cooking or refrigeration, such as bread, crackers, cereal, canned foods and dried fruits. Remember baby food and formula if you have young children.
- * water stored in clean containers, or bottled water (5 gallons per person) in case your water pipes freeze and rupture.



For further information on preparing for cold weather go to

www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/extremecold/about.asp

Medical Interpreter in Lawrence

The Lawrence Medical Interpreter Training was held November 4, 5 & 10 – 12 at Lawrence Memorial Hospital. Participants were from Lawrence, Topeka, Overland Park, Kansas City, Wichita, Prairie Village, and



Independence, MO. The class started with 18 participants and all 18 successfully completed the course. All 18 participants were interpreters in Spanish. The participants represented a variety of organizations ranging from the medical field and social services. The organizations represented were KU Med Center, Marian Clinic of Topeka, Kansas Safety Belt Education Office, Rose Brooks Center, SRS, Johnson County Health Department and some freelance interpreters. Continued efforts are made to better enhance services provided to non-English/limited English clients in our healthcare and social service facilities. Dates of upcoming interpreter and cultural competency trainings are listed in this edition of Public Health CONNECTIONS.

CONFERENCES

Save the Date!!!

Public Health Nurse/Maternal Child Health Conference

May 3, 4, & 5, 2005

At the Airport Hilton in Wichita, KS

Great breakout sessions and key note speakers are planned. We will have five breakout tracks to choose from: MCH, HHSV, BT, Administration, and PH. Look for more information coming your way soon!



ITEMS OF INTEREST

Logical Images develops interactive point-of-care diagnostic and training software systems to help front-line healthcare workers, bioterrorism responders, and other healthcare professionals quickly and accurately diagnose and appropriately treat diseases both common and unusual. With VisualDx clinicians enter their patient's symptoms and appearance and the system returns the information they need to determine the diagnosis. For more information go to <http://www.logicalimages.com>



The findings for the "Redefining Readiness: Terrorism Planning Through the Eyes of the Public" by Roz D. Lasker, Center for the Advancement of Collaborative Strategies in Health on September 14 maybe found at <http://www.cacsh.org/eptpp.html>.



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<http://www.homelanddefensejournal.com>

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"An ADA Guide for Local Governments: Making Community Emergency Preparedness and Response Programs Accessible to People with Disabilities." This is one of the most important roles of local government to protect their citizenry from harm, including helping people prepare for and respond to emergencies. Making local government emergency preparedness and response programs accessible to people with disabilities is a critical part of this responsibility. Making these programs accessible is also required by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA). For more information go to:



<http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/emergencyprep.htm>

Homeland Security: Effective Regional Coordination Can Enhance Emergency Preparedness. GAO-04-1009, September 15 is available at



<http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d041009.pdf>.

To review the highlights go to:

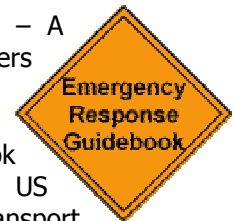
<http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d041009high.pdf>



Medical Surge Capacity and Capability Handbook, by the Department of Health and Human Services is located at:

http://www.hhs.gov/asphep/mscc_handbook.html

Emergency Response Guidebook – A Guidebook for First Responders during the initial phase of a dangerous goods/hazardous materials incident. This guidebook was developed jointly by the US Department of Transportation, Transport Canada, and Secretariat of Communications and Transportation of Mexico and be found at: <http://hazmat.dot.gov/guidebook.htm>



TRAININGS/WORKSHOPS

Medical Interpreter Training Schedule 2004-05



Medical interpreter training is 40 hours of intensive, interactive learning for bilingual participants. The projected outcomes are to train qualified bilingual individuals in medical/social service interpreting and to provide educational training to medical and social service providers on their legal obligations to provide language assistance to limited or non-English speaking clients.

Central Kansas

Newman Regional Health
1201 W 12th, Emporia
December 2-3 & 8-10 from
8 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



North Central Kansas

Mercy Regional Health Center
1823 College Ave, Manhattan
February 10-11 & 16-18, 2005 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Southwest Kansas

1710 Palace Drive, Garden City
 Area SRS Building
 April 18 - 22, 2005 from 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

South Central Kansas

University of Kansas School of Medicine - Wichita
 1010 N. Kansas, Wichita
 Sunflower Room 2202
 June 6-10, 2005 from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

For more information/or registration please contact Cathy Anderson at Jewish Vocational Service (JVS), 1608 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO 64108 or call 816-471-2808 ext. 124, or e-mail Cathy at canders@jvskc.org. You may also contact Brandi Miller at bmiller@jvskc.org.

Cultural Competency Training Schedule 2004-05

Cultural competency training will provide participants an opportunity to learn how to effectively communicate with limited English-proficient clients, collaborate with families and coordinate services. The topics covered will include: Dimensions of Diversity, Working Effectively with Interpreters, and Building Culturally Competent Community Partnerships. Participants do not have to be bilingual to take this 16-hour training.

Pittsburg - January 25 -26, 2005 from 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.
 Pittsburg Municipal Auditorium
 503 N. Pine, Pittsburg

Wichita - February 22-23, 2005 from 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.
 University of Kansas School of Medicine - Wichita
 1010 N. Kansas, Sunflower Room, Wichita

Hays - March 21-22, 2005 from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
 Fort Hays State University
 600 Park Street, Fort Hays
 Memorial Union, College Drive, Trails Room

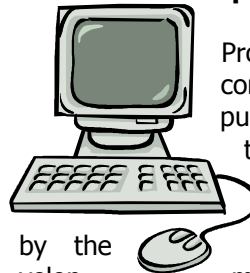
Salina - March 23-24, 2005 from 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.
 Catholic Charities
 425 W. Iron, Salina
 Board Room



Dodge City - April 14-15, 2005 from 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

Western Plains Medical Complex
 108 Ross Blvd., Dodge City
 Classroom located at the Annex Building (across from the hospital)

For more information/or registration please contact Cathy Anderson at Jewish Vocational Service (JVS), 1608 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO 64108 or call 816-471-2808 ext. 124, or e-mail her at canders@jvskc.org. You may also contact Brandi Miller, bmiller@jvskc.org.

Chautauqua Informatics Project

The Chautauqua Informatics Project, a mobile and customized computer training project, assists public health workers advance their computer skills for the enhancement of overall health in Kansas. Sponsored by the Workforce and Leadership Development (WALD) Center, the goal of the Chautauqua Project is to provide customized computer training to each public health worker in Kansas.

In order to provide a customized training session, each public health worker completes a computer skills assessment. The results of the assessment determine the recommended training level for each public health worker. On-site computer training is then customized to meet the needs of each health department and its employees. The training sessions provided public health workers the opportunity to increase their technological skills, thus enabling them to perform their jobs more effectively and efficiently.

To date, over 360 public health workers representing 45 Kansas counties are participating in the Chautauqua Project. Of these, 133 employees across the state have taken part in at least one training session in Microsoft Word, Outlook or Excel.

By taking advantage of this computer training you can expect to gain skills in file management, extensive formatting, simple formulas, sending and receiving attachments and printing options.

Next steps....

Contact Julie Oler-Manske, Chautauqua Project Manager at (316)-293-2626 or by email at jolerman@kumc.edu.



Identify employees to participate in assessments/training.



Coordinate and schedule training sessions with Julie Oler-Manske.



Have identified employees complete pre assessments within 2 weeks of receiving session ID numbers.



Have identified employees attend informatics training tailored to their needs.



See your public health employees become more comfortable and efficient using computer technology!

Disaster Preparedness: Online Certificate Program For Nurses



The St. Louis University School of Nursing Certificate program in disaster preparedness is designed for registered nurses who wish to take a front-line role in case of a terrorist

attack. The course work is based on proven practices in Israel, where Saint Louis University faculty trained with healthcare professionals who routinely face challenges from terrorism.

The certificate program is an online, long-distance learning course, which allows students to work at their own pace during an academic semester. Participants will complete six required study units and four electives. Students will log onto the Saint Louis University School of Nursing education network and listen to lectures every week or two as their schedules permit.

Required Study Units

1. Types of disaster: An introduction to disaster preparedness
2. Ideological and religious basis of terrorism
3. Role of the public health department in disaster management
4. Planning for disaster
5. Organization of disaster response
6. Incident Command System (ICS)

Electives (select four)

1. Management of casualties
2. Basic epidemiology
3. Social and psychological impacts of disasters
4. Indoor/outdoor air quality
5. Waterborne disease
6. Foodborne disease
7. Biological terrorism
8. Bioterrorism agents

9. Chemical terrorism
10. Radiological and nuclear terrorism
11. Evaluation methodologies
12. Unique needs of vulnerable populations

Fees: \$250 includes registration for the online course, continuing education contact hours and program materials. A Certificate in Disaster Preparedness Nursing will be issued at the completion of 10 study units. Receive a discounted rate of \$200 per person when three or more are submitted together. For more information, call (314) 977-8919.

Billing Workshops

NC Billing Group, December 1 from 9:00 a.m. – noon, County Emergency Building, Lincoln

SE Billing Group, December 21 from 9:00 a.m. – noon, District Office, Chanute

SW Billing Group, November 12 from 9:00 a.m. – noon, Satanta Bank, Satanta

REGIONAL BILLING WORKSHOPS 2005

NC Regional Billing Workshop

March 2
June 1?
September 7
December 7

Meetings are held at the County Emergency Building, Lincoln from 9:00 a.m. – noon. For further information please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639.

NE Regional Billing Workshop

February 3
May 5
August 4
November 3

Meetings are held at the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson, Azure Conference Room, 4th Floor, Topeka, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. For information please contact Anita Hodge at 785-368-8110.

NW Regional Billing Workshop

February 8
April 14
June 9
August 11
October 13
December 8

Meetings are held at Decatur County Health Department, Oberlin, from 9:00 a.m. – noon. For further information please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639.

SC Region Billing Workshop

February 23

May 24

August 23

November 22

Meetings are held at Reno County Health Department, Hutchinson, from 9:00 a.m. – noon. For further information please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639.

SW Region Billing Workshop

February 11

Other dates to be determined

Meetings are held at the Satanta Bank, Satanta, from 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon. For further information please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639.

GENERAL WORKSHOPS

Continuing Education of interest to Public Health Workforce is listed by the Kansas State Board of Nursing at:

<http://www.ksbn.org/cne/cnemain.htm>.

Kansas Division of Emergency Management:

<http://www.accesskansas.org/kdem/trainingnew.htm>



Public Health Training Network Satellite Downlinks/Webcasts

See PHTN Web site at <http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn/default.asp> to view a complete list of satellite downlinks and webcasts. Call Linda Frazier, Distance Learning Coordinator at (785) 625-5663 if you need assistance.

December Downlinks or Webcasts

12/01/04 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM CT	Quality Assurance in Vaccine Storage and Handling For more information, visit http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtnonline/registration/detailpage.asp?res_id=1055 . WC0067 - (Webcast) Quality Assurance in Vaccine Storage and Handling course detail page - http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/PHTNOnline/registration/detailpage.asp?res_id=1058 . Site registration and webcast information are available at http://cdlhn.com . This program is a joint project of CDC, the California Department of Health Services Immunization Branch and the California Distance Learning Health Network.
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12/02/04 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM CT	Mass Antibiotic Dispensing: Volunteer Staffing View course overview. VIEW WEBCAST
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<http://kuahec.kumc.edu> or trainings at <http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us> under the "Additional PH Training Calendar"

NW Kansas – Register or call at 785-628-6128

SW Kansas – Register or call at 620-275-0259

SE Kansas – Register or call at 620-235-4040

To Order Tapes/CD's:
Public Health Foundation Online Bookstore:
<http://bookstore.phf.org/cat20.htm>

CDC BT programs:
<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp>

Nursing Education

Ft. Hays Nursing: <http://www.fhsu.edu/nursing>

KU Nursing: KU has an on-line RN to BSN completion program:
http://www2.kumc.edu/son/vclassroom/rn_to_bsn.htm

Wichita State University: on-line RN to BSN:
http://webs.wichita.edu/?u=chp_nurs&p=/rntobsnhomepage/

Washburn PHN Certification Program-
<http://www.washburn.edu/sonu> or e-mail Dr. Janice Dunwell at: zzdnwl@washburn.edu

ANA's Web site: <http://www.RNCE.org>
Other Continuing Education Online
The WALD CENTER: <http://www.waldcenter.org>

The Public Health Training Network:
<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn/default.asp>

KDHE/KALHD Training Calendars:
<http://phtc.calendarhost.com/cgi-bin/calweb/calweb.cgi>

Training Finder: Comprehensive database of distance learning course listings
<http://www.train.org/DesktopShell.aspx>

The MMWR Continuing Education Program:
<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr>

MPH Kansas: <http://mph.kumc.edu>

National Library of Medicine –
<http://www.nlm.nih.gov>

CDC BT Training –
<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp>

The Illinois Public Health Preparedness Center: <http://www.uic.edu/sph/prepare>

Heartland Center for Public Health Preparedness:
http://www.slu.edu/centers/heartland/programs_public.htm

Centers for Public Health Preparedness:
<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/CPHPLocations.asp>

Public Health Training Centers:
<http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/publichealth/phtc.htm>

Other Public Health Workforce Development Centers:
<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/resources.asp>

Bioterrorism and Emergency Readiness Competencies for all Public Health Workers:
<http://www.nursing.hs.columbia.edu/institute-centers/chphsr/btcomps.html>

Competencies Feedback Project by the Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice.
<http://www.trainingfinder.org/competencies/index.htm>

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